

# Rapid River News!

September 23, 2008



From L.R.B.O.I.

*(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)*

(Natural Resource related items)

- **'Nme/Sturgeon Release!** The 2008 Sturgeon Release at River Bend was held on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> by the tribes' Natural Resources Department. The well attended event was expanded this year to include traditional ceremonies and a chance to sample smoked sturgeon brought in from Oregon. Thanks to Naturalists Marty Holtgren, Stephanie Ogren and Kevin Mann for organizing this wonderful cultural/scientific event.

(General area items)

- **Casino Looking Great!** Tribal Elders have commented on how nice the Little River Casino Resort is looking this fall. The flowers look beautiful and the comment is that the Casino is looking better than ever before. K'Chi-miigwetch for the work!
- **Great Lakes Native American Conference.** The Circle of Hope, Circle of Healing Conference was held at the Little River Casino Resort from the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. This conference, sponsored by the Great Lakes U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Department of the Interior and Department of Justice focuses on Victims issues, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault and a number of similar issues

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **"No to Removal"!** The Tribal Council voted 9-0 against removing Justice Ryan Champagne from office last week

(Cultural related items)

- **Peacemaking on 7&4.** TV 7&4, a Michigan television station aired a special news story on Peacemaking at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The department is run by former Ogema Pat Wilson and by Austen Brauker.

(General area items)

- **Car Seat Informational Meetings set:** Manistee Informational Clinic - Saturday, September, 27th, 2008 - after the Membership Meeting. Sign up times are 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Also, there will be a meeting in Muskegon with an Informational Clinic - Sunday, September 28th, 2008. Sign up times are Noon, 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Membership Meeting this Saturday.** The 27<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Membership Meeting at the Little River Casino Resort. The Ogema will be having his meet-n-greet the night before. Keep in mind that the new Tribal ID cards will be handed out at the Membership Meeting on both Friday and Saturday at the Enrollment Booth! If you if you live in Michigan you have to come into the office for your ID. If you live out of state, it will be mailed to you.

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- **Switchboard Changes!** The answering system at the government offices (888-723-8288) has been updated to include an option to check for the latest information on the Revenue Sharing Plan (Per Cap) payments. You will be able to find out the amounts of the checks and when they will be sent out. This, combined with the *Rapid River News* is the official source for this information. Check both regularly for the latest information.
- **The Currents is out!** The October edition of the *Currents* is out! Available on line on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the paper copies have also been mailed. You will notice a new format to the paper as it has been tightened up into a slightly smaller format. This move will save some costs of printing and mailing without sacrificing quantity.

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(Emergency Management items)

- **E-Team Training.** As part of our continuing program of compliance with Federal regulations, 7 members of the Tribal Emergency Planning Committee and Incident Command System went through a course on E-Team training last week. This allows them access to FEMA/DHS worksites to handle incidents and disasters more efficiently.

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